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Abdominal pain is common in children and often is the result of stomach flu. Identify other possible common causes based on your child's symptoms.

**Abstract**

Find possible causes of abdominal pain in children. See our Symptom Checker.

**Benefit Summary**

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**ENTER IN FARCRY:**

**When to get medical help** (1, 2)

Seek emergency care if your child:

Has sudden, severe abdominal pain that lasts more than a few minutes

Shows signs of dehydration — fewer than six wet diapers a day, more than eight hours without urinating in older children, dry mouth, decreased saliva or crying without tears

Has bloody diarrhea

Vomits blood

**Self-care strategies**

The following self-care tips may be beneficial for mild abdominal pain:

Don't serve foods that you suspect may cause or worsen symptoms.

Give your child plenty of fluids if the abdominal pain is accompanied by diarrhea or constipation

**More Information**

Abdominal pain MY00390

**END OF FARCRY TEXT**

Find possible causes of abdominal pain based on specific factors. Check one or more factors on this page that apply to your child's symptom.

**Pain is**

Extreme

**Onset is**

Intermittent or episodic

Recent (hours to days)

Sudden (minutes to hours)

**Preceded by**

Eating suspect food

Recent antibiotic use

**Triggered or worsened by**

Coughing or other jarring movements

Eating certain foods

Menstrual cycle [female]

Stress

**Relieved by**

Avoiding certain foods

Drinking more water

Eating more fiber

**Accompanied by**

Constipation

Delayed growth or sexual development

Diarrhea

Failure to thrive (infant or toddler)

Fever

Lump in abdomen

Nausea or vomiting

Passing gas

Rash

Stools with blood

Stools with pus

Weight loss

**Possible causes** (3, p. 2322)

These diseases and conditions match at least one of the factors you selected. Those with the most matches are listed first.

DS00454 Antibiotic-associated diarrhea (4, 20)

Onset is recent (hours to days)

Preceded by recent antibiotic use

Accompanied by diarrhea

Accompanied by fever

Accompanied by nausea or vomiting

Accompanied by stools with blood

Accompanied by stools with pus

DS00274 Appendicitis (5, p .6; 6; 20)

Pain is extreme

Onset is recent (hours to days)

Triggered or worsened by coughing or other jarring movements

Accompanied by constipation

Accompanied by diarrhea

Accompanied by fever

Accompanied by nausea or vomiting

DS00319 Celiac disease (7, p. 61; 8; 20)

Onset is intermittent or episodic

Triggered or worsened by eating certain foods

Relieved by avoiding certain foods

Accompanied by delayed growth or sexual development

Accompanied by diarrhea

Accompanied by failure to thrive (infant or toddler)

Accompanied by passing gas

Accompanied by rash

Accompanied by weight loss

DS00063 Constipation (7, p. 67; 9; 20)

Onset is intermittent or episodic

Onset is recent (hours to days)

Relieved by drinking more water

Relieved by eating more fiber

Accompanied by constipation

DS00104 Crohn's disease (5, p. 8; 10; 20)

Onset is intermittent or episodic

Accompanied by constipation

Accompanied by delayed growth or sexual development

Accompanied by diarrhea

Accompanied by fever

Accompanied by rash

Accompanied by stools with blood

Accompanied by weight loss

DS00981 Food poisoning (11, 20)

Onset is sudden (minutes to hours)

Preceded by eating suspect food

Accompanied by diarrhea

Accompanied by fever

Accompanied by nausea or vomiting

DS00080 Gas and gas pains (12, 20)

Onset is intermittent or episodic

Onset is recent (hours to days)

Onset is sudden (minutes to hours)

Triggered or worsened by eating certain foods

Relieved by avoiding certain foods

Accompanied by passing gas

DS00823 Intestinal obstruction (13, 20)

Onset is recent (hours to days)

Accompanied by constipation

Accompanied by diarrhea

Accompanied by fever

Accompanied by nausea or vomiting

DS00798 Intussusception (7, p. 55; 14; 20)

Pain is extreme

Onset is intermittent or episodic

Onset is sudden (minutes to hours)

Accompanied by constipation

Accompanied by diarrhea

Accompanied by fever

Accompanied by lump in abdomen

Accompanied by nausea or vomiting

Accompanied by stools with blood

DS00530 Lactose intolerance (15, 20)

Onset is intermittent or episodic

Onset is sudden (minutes to hours)

Triggered or worsened by eating certain foods

Relieved by avoiding certain foods

Accompanied by diarrhea

Accompanied by nausea or vomiting

Accompanied by passing gas

DS00506 Menstrual cramps (dysmenorrhea) (16, 20) [female]

Onset is intermittent or episodic

Triggered or worsened by menstrual cycle **[female]**

AN01874 Migraines and gastrointestinal problems: Is there a link? (17, 20)

Onset is intermittent or episodic

Triggered or worsened by eating certain foods

Triggered or worsened by stress

Accompanied by constipation

Accompanied by diarrhea

Accompanied by passing gas

DS00598 Ulcerative colitis (18, 20)

Onset is intermittent or episodic

Accompanied by diarrhea

Accompanied by rash

Accompanied by stools with blood

Accompanied by weight loss

DS00085 Viral gastroenteritis (stomach flu) (3, p. 2322; 19; 20)

Onset is recent (hours to days)

Triggered or worsened by eating certain foods

Accompanied by diarrhea

Accompanied by fever

Accompanied by nausea or vomiting

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